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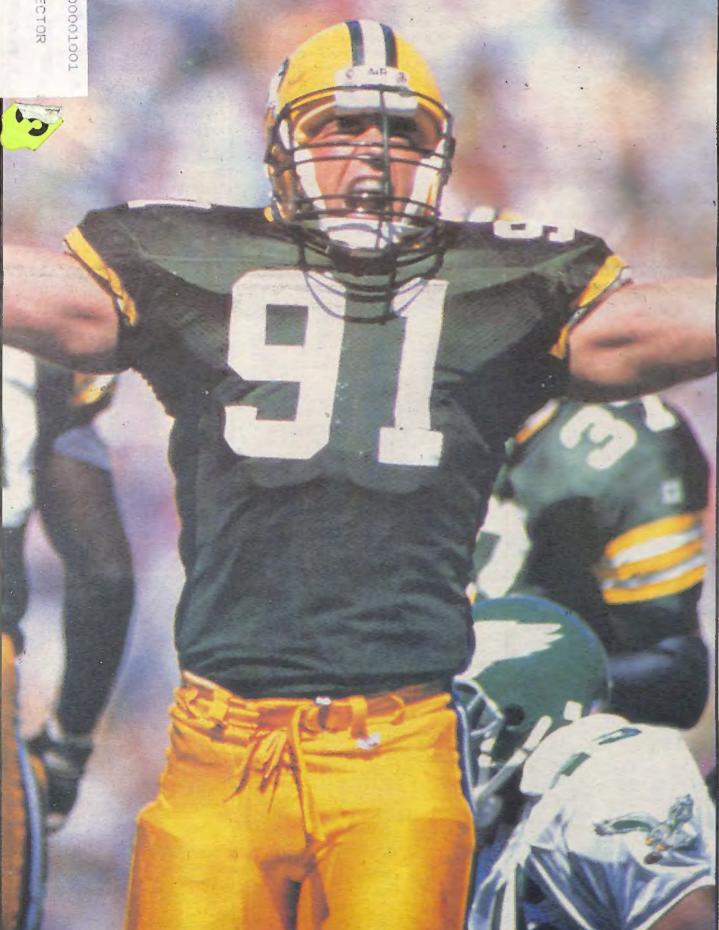
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Commentary

Don't jump off the cliff

CANTON, Ohio - This was the first exhibition game.

And it looked like one.

A typical first game.

Exhibition season is about training and conditioning and evaluating. I can't get too excited about how the Packers played. The Packers didn't play well.

If anything, you learn some valuable lessons from a game like this. I think the team learned some valuable lessons. It doesn't matter who you play - the Dalias Cowboys or the Los Angeles Raiders or the McKinley High School team which ordinarily plays in Fawcett Stadium here - you've got to play good, smart, error-

What the exhibition season is about is to try to establish continuity, find who your players are and to work toward not beating yourself. The Packers beat themselves on Saturday.

You play a lot of people. You want to look at them. There are a lot in camp. You want to see them under game conditions.

That's primary. You need to look at them and need to see how they perform under game situations, particularly the many new players, and other players the staff may have questions about.

I can't see Packer fans losing any sleep over this game. There were some good things that came out of this.

Consider, when you evaluate this game, all the new faces: John Stephens, Ken O'Brien, Reggie White, Bill, Maas, Mark Clayton, Mike Prior. Consider all

RAY NITSCHKE



the young players: George Teague, Earl Dotson, Corey Harris, et al. Notably absent was the recently injured Wayne Simmons. I'll tell you what: One young guy who looked good was receiver Jamie Holland, a former Raider who hails from this area. He had three receptions for 68 yards, including a 47-yarder on Green Bay's only scoring drive. Nobody caught a longer pass all day — and there were veterans like James Lofton, Willie Gault,

Sterling Sharpe and Clayton out there.

The pre-season is about seeing how these guys all perform. You want to establish a team. You want to find the best 53 players. That's what it's all aimed at.

The Packers moved the ball but hurt themselves. Interceptions, fumbles, penalties. You can't win doing that. You know that. I know that. The Packers know that.

This was a good training ground. They can learn a lot from their mistakes. They can all use their mistakes for improve-

I know from being a former player, that you are not in as good of shape as you want to be yet. Conditioning is a factor too. You're not really in prime condition to play and to hit - not like you want to be by the first game of the regular season.

When you consider all of this, I think there were times the Packers looked good and some times when they looked bad. But considering all the factors, it's pretty difficult to be smooth in your first game. You do not have your best 11 out there at all times. You are providing an opportunity for a lot of guys to get their shot at making the team and that's the major goal here.

I never remembered the exhibition won-lost record when I played. My whole thing was I knew the Packers had to play the exhibition games - which help condition you and get you ready — but I keyed on the regular-season games.

If you are going to make mistakes and do poorly, do it in pre-season and learn from it. Nobody wants to lose, but they need to look at themselves, how they did lose, and use it for education. It's a shame to play poorly on national TV but I would rather play well come September, than to play well in July.

I've been going back to Canton every year since I was inducted and remain very thrilled to do that. The hospitality is unbelievable. Everything is so first-class. The people are warm and receptive. It's a great, great credit to Canton. They have more than 2,000 volunteers who annually do a really great job. The thing that sets it apart from Super Bowls is that you have the same volunteers doing the same jobs every year and they become excellent at it. Plus, the basic demeanor of people in smaller areas like Canton is generally more friendly and helpful than the bigger metro areas which host Super Bowls.

And now we see five new inductees, all worthy people who have really contributed to this league - two great coaches, Bill Walsh and Chuck Noll; one of the great runners of all time, Walter Payton; one of the great linemen to play, Larry Little; and one of the outstanding quarterbacks in recent years, Dan Fouts.

I visited with them and their families. It is always a great thrill. I'm very proud to go back and be part of it and meet a lot of old timers — some of whom I played against. I played against Little. He blocked me a few times toward the end of my career. He was big, strong and quick. I never played against Payton.

It's really a very select group of people and I'm very proud to be a part of it. I always look forward to Canton. I have a great time every year. It really is football's greatest weekend.

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Brian Noble incites the crowd.

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In the middle ...

Outside linebacker Bryce Paup. - David J. Garot photo

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For openers,

Plenty of mistakes to learn from in 19-3 loss

by Al Pahl Managing Editor

CANTON, Ohio — More people watched last Sunday's intrasquad scrimmage in Green Bay than were able to attend the Packers' 19-3 loss to the Los Angeles Raiders here Saturday.

And the 30,000 who filled half of Lambeau Field saw the Packers play better football than the 23,863 who overflowed Fawcett Stadium here.

For one thing, they got to see the Packers score two touchdowns, something that was notably lacking here. Green Bay's only score was a 49-yard field goal by a free-agent placekicker who is unlikely to be on the roster a month from now.

Another man unlikely to still be where he was Saturday — on the kick-protection unit — is the unfortunate soul whom the Packer coaching staff determines is responsible for allowing the Raiders' Derrick Hoskins to block Chris Jacke's first field-goal attempt of 1993.

"We didn't protect," Holmgren said.
"The guy came right through and blocked the kick. That's inexcusable. I just can't understand how something like that happens. When we look at the film and I find out who's responsible, we'll make the change."

Holmgren had three main complaints

Not only were the Packers unable to get into the end zone, their No. 1 place-kicker was unable to score in two attempts. The Raiders blocked the one try and Jacke missed a 38-yarder.

Although the Packers' first units tended to look decent, giving Green Bay a significant statistical advantage at halftime, it was not a very auspicious debut — and on national television, no less.

"We dropped passes, had field goals blocked and had penalties. It was pretty sloppy," he admitted. "All the things are correctable. It's a first game, but I'm not going to allow that as an excuse. We were just too sloppy today.

"(Correcting it) has to be done in five weeks because we have to start playing games that count then. We have to be ready by then."

The second-year head coach broke his complaints down to three main areas:

"We had a field goal blocked. I am not going to go through what I went through at the beginning of last season again," Holmgren said, in reference to special-teams miscues. "I will not do that. I'll just make changes right away as far as people on that (protection) team, as soon as-I find out what went wrong.

"We dropped way too many passes. My goodness. You can't expect to throw the ball and drop that many. You just can't do it."

"And penalties," Holmgren added.
"We had some holding penalties. We got down in the red zone three times. Normally, we'll come away with points. But that last instance, we were third-and-32, or something like that, something crazy. You can't have penalties down there."

Packers come up empty in 'red zone'

Green Bay got inside the Raiders' 20



The one play Coach Mike Holmgren was most uphappy about during his post-game press conference Saturday was Chris Jacke's 45-yard field-goal attempt the Raiders blocked on the third play of the second quarter, en route to a 19-3 win in the Hall of Fame Game at Canton, Ohio.

- David J. Garot photo

just twice. No. 2 quarterback Ken O'Brien directed his unit to a first down at the 13 in the middle of the second quarter. Two incomplete passes wrapped around a seven-yard sack pushed the Pack back to the 20 and Jacke sent the 38-yarder wide left, with punter Bryan Wagner holding.

"I just yanked it," said Jacke, who missed in very light winds. "I don't know if I was hurrying up a little or the (long) grass had something to do with it, but I yanked it."

On No. 3 quarterback Ty Detmer's first series midway through the final period, his 28-yard completion to Chris Holder gave the Packers a first down at the Raider 10. But on first down, Paul Hutchins was penalized for holding. Detmer was then sacked 12 yards behind the line. On second-and-32 from the 32, No. 2 fullback Robert Wilson dropped what appeared to be a sure touchdown pass. On third-and 32, Detmer's pass to Ron Lewis fell incomplete.

University of Wisconsin alum Rich Thompson then came on and nailed a 49yard field goal, with Wagner holding, for the Packers' only points of the day.

"Ty did a pretty nice job at the end," Holmgren said. "I thought Mark Clayton did a pretty good job when he was in there. I thought John Stephens did a good job early and then he got a little tired, in my opinion. Defensively I think the team played pretty well as a group. And even offensively in the first half, they moved the ball decently."

Statistics back up Holmgren: At halftime his team had 201 total net yards, compared to 44 for the Raiders. Green Bay ran 41 plays, the Raiders, 11. First downs: Packers 11, Raiders 4. Passing yards: Packers 164, Raiders: 22. Rushing yards: Packers 37, Raiders 22.

"I think there will be (on tape) some good things that we did offensively in the first half," Holmgren said. "It's difficult when you don't score, that bothers you."

Incompletions, fumbles, drops deadly

The Packers' second offensive series started at their own 20. Mixing Stephens runs with Favre passes, Green Bay rolled up four first downs, moving all the way to Los Angeles' 21. On first down, line-backer Anthony Bell stripped Stephens of the ball.

The blocked field goal ended the next series, which proved to be Favre's last.

When the Packers got the ball back, O'Brien had the ball four plays before throwing the only interception of the game. "O'Brien threw one interception," Holmgren noted. "I thought he did fine, considering he's new. He told me things are falling into place for him. The one interception was too bad, it led to a touchdown. Those tipped balls right over the middle usually jump up and bite you and that one did. Kenny made an error on that

play and he knows it. He shouldn't do that

"With their coverage that tight like that inside, it's pretty dangerous. We have an alternative to that but he hasn't been with us long enough to make that an automatic thing. He will though, he will."

Joe Sims separates shoulder

Saturday the defense appeared to achieve its traditional early-camp role of being ahead of the offense. "I thought our first defense did a nice job. I think we are going to have a fine defense when all is said and done," Holmgren said. "I thought our first group did a good job. In spots, our other guys did as well. But the Raiders, in the second half, pushed us around a little bit."

The worst news of the day befell Joe Sims, who has been the team's starting right tackle all of camp (because Tunch Ilkin is starting left tackle during Ken Ruettgers' holdout). Sims has been playing quite well, often against Reggie White.

Here Saturday, he separated his left shoulder when the 310-pounder chased down defensive end Anthony Smith, ending his 40-yard interception return by bouncing the 265-pounder out of bounds at the Packer one yardline.

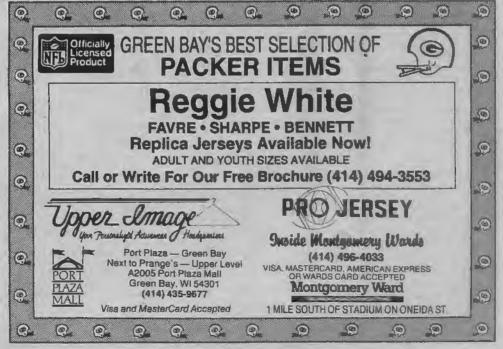
Starting center Jim Campen is out with a shoulder strain and No. 3 center Tom Neville aggravated his injured left Achilles tendon during pre-game warmups, which left No. 2 shapper Frank Winters to play center all day.

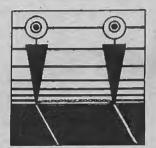
Ron Hallstrom, a starter at right guard all of last season, is also holding out. It would appear Hallstrom and Ruettgers' leverage increased here Saturday.

"We are very thin there," Holmgren said of his forward wall. "We were thin there the whole game. It's a concern."

Favre, who has more than a passing interest — pardon the pun — in this topic, noticed a difference. "That's a big factor," he said. "We need Ronnie in. We need Kenny in. Without those guys, you can tell the difference. Hopefully we can get them in soon enough. You could tell there were some problems up there without them."

There were some problems all over the field Saturday for the Packers — it's a good thing this was only the first of five exhibition games.





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	Average gain per offensive play	4.7	3.6
	NET YARDS RUSHING	62	81
	Total Rushing Plays	19	28
	Average gain per rushing play	3.3	2.9
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	No. and Yards Interception Returns		1-40
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	Passing	0	3
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Linebacker Terry Crews (49), safety Tim Hauck (24) and nose tackle John Jurkovic (64) gang up

on an unidentified running back. David J. Garot photo

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Commentary

White, Favre see work to be done

by Al Pahl Managing Editor

CANTON, Ohio — Reggie White didn't even make the defensive statistics.

Playing only the first quarter, he didn't have a sack, tackle or assisted tackle.

That's not the same thing as saying White, who was double-teamed on nearly every play, didn't contribute.

"He makes us a much better defensive team," Coach Mike Holmgren said. "He gives us a solid push in the middle and pressure on the quarterback; just about every play, some kind of pressure."

In the holdout absence of Tony Bennett, Bryce Paup was where he's been all of camp; right outside linebacker, which frequently means he's in a three-point stance, teeing off on the quarterback. Working the side opposite White, Paup lines up next to end Shawn Patterson (Matt Brock had been penciled in as the starter there, but is also a holdout. Patterson is playing well this camp.)

Paup finished the day with four total tackles and one-half sack. Patterson had the other half of that sack, plus one of his own. Rookie Bob Kuberski, currently on leave from the Navy, also had a sack.

"It's a great feeling to work with the one of the best who's ever been out there," Paup said of White. "It takes a little bit of pressure off of you. It helps all around."

Especially when you see the opponent holding at least one back in, using him to help block White. "It helped us because if they double-team him, they can't double-team everybody," Paup said.

As for White himself, the future Hall of Famer was happy simply to be back on the field, teeing off on somebody wearing a different-colored jersey. "It felt good to get in the groove," he said. "It felt different; gold pants, white shirt. But it felt good... I'm happy to be with the Packers."

But he was not happy about the team's 19-3 loss. "We've got to play better than we played today," White understated.

"You don't like to lose at all, in no way, whether pre-season or what.

"This gives you the opportunity to learn from your mistakes and today we made a bunch of mistakes. So we are going to have to rebound off that and pretty much brush up on our mistakes."

The Rev. White's ministry has begun. He is conducting Bible-study classes for his teammates, who make a bit of a sacrifice in order to attend. Sessions begin at 10 p.m., following the night's team meeting and prior to the p.m. camp curfew.

A final note on Paup: He's happy to be back at the "elephant" position, where his primary role is pass rush — not coverage.

"I'm a lot more comfortable there," he said. "Last year they needed me to play a drop 'backer and I wasn't very comfortable there. I'm happy to be back."

Get miscues out of everyone's system

Brett Favre wasn't very happy, but he wasn't ready to write the whole deal off.

"The Jets were 5-0 in pre-season last year and ended up 4-12," he noted. "In my

philosophy, I'd rather get all the bad plays out now and look sloppy now than during the season.

"I anticipated that. I didn't expect to come into this game and throw for 300 yards and be 15-for-15. I anticipated there would be drops, bad throws, bad reads, missed tackles, fumbles. You anticipate that in this type of game. That's why you have (exhibition games).

"I don't feel bad about it at all; I mean, it's only (the end of) our second week of practice. Each week we have to see some improvement to feel good about it," Favre said. "Basically we stopped ourselves, but you anticipate that. Last week in our scrimmage, we went right down and scored. I didn't anticipate that."

The three Packer quarterbacks, Favre, Ken O'Brien and Ty Detmer, watched several dropped passes. At least 10.

"Let's hope they get all of them out of them now," Favre said. "But you anticipate that. That's just the way it is. You had three different quarterbacks go in. Each one has a little bit different style or throws the ball a little harder or a little softer. That's part of the game. We also made some bad throws and some bad reads."

"I think the good thing you can get out of a game like this is when you make mistakes, it doesn't mean anything. You can learn from it. When the regular games start, we're 0-0. You take these bad games and bad plays and get better with it. If you come out and do well in five games in preseason, how do you know how bad you are? You'd rather get it out of you in the pre-season — if that makes sense, I don't know if that does. It sounded good."

Short takes:

Saturday was Patterson's first game appearance since last year's opening preseason game — against the Chiefs in Green Bay, Aug. 8, 1992. It's been nice this camp to see Patterson do so well. He has worked so hard, so long to rehabilitate from numerous knee injuries and is a fine, fine person; the kind of young man this reporter delights in seeing do well.

He basically issued a challenge to **Brock** in one pre-camp newspaper interview, saying he planned to challenge for the starting right end spot. Patterson is playing well so far. Brock is in Oregon, hoping for a better offer from Green Bay.

Patterson's sacks-to-starts ratio has been impressive despite the injuries which have diced up his career to date. He's got 11 sacks in 10 regular-season starts. He sacked Dave Krieg on the first play of the first series Aug. 2, 1992 — two plays before tearing the anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee.

Marketing is a wonderful thing—this reporter finds much of what is called marketing distasteful. But 'ridiculous' comes to mind when discussing NFL Properties' (the NFL's pervasive and lucrative marketing arm) new Packer mascot. Properties has come up with a new "super hero" mascot for each team, designed to appeal to little kids.

The Packer version is a polar bear in a



Raiders' reserve defensive tackle Anthony Smith came up with the only interception of the game Saturday, returning the ball some 40 yards to the Packer one yardline, where Green Bay's starting right tackle, Joe Sims, separated his left shoulder when he bounced Smith out of bounds.

— David J. Garot photo

Packer jersey, named G.B. Ice Pack. First of all, who that knows anything about the NFL'— and it's rivalries— would make the Packers' mascot a *Bear*?

Secondly, the mascot looks basically ridiculous in this reporter's opinion and thirdly, Green Bay already has a world-wide image as a frozen tundra. The last thing we need is a polar bear for a mascot to further embed that notion in the minds of those who think 32° is cold.

Taking in the mascot before the game, Packer President **Bob Harlan** could only shake his head — in the negative.

You knew it was going to be a bad weekend — Perhaps it was a bad omen when the Packers' departure for Canton was delayed two hours Friday afternoon. The Packers in recent years have generally booked DC-9 and 727 charters from Northwest Airlines. Desiring more room, they have requested larger 757s this season

The original 757 Northwest had assigned for the Packers' trip had brakes that were apparently not the absolute best.

And since neither Green Bay nor Akron-Canton have the world's longest runway, Northwest (or possibly the pilots) decided not to use the original plane.

It took two hours to find another 757 and fly it into Green Bay.

Interesting sightings at Canton — After showering and changing, while waiting for his teammate to do likewise, reserve nose tackle John Jurkovic sat in the baggage compartment underneath one of the Packers' four chartered buses and talked with fans.

During that same time period, Linebackers Coach Bob Valesente proved the anonymity of NFL assistant coaches. Resplendent in a gray blazer, the 32-year coaching veteran effortlessly moved among the fans milling about the buses.

Who's on the phone? Holmgren was on the headset during the first half, calling the plays while talking with Offensive Coordinator Sherman Lewis.

He passed the headset to Favre during the second half and passed the play-calling responsibilities to Lewis.



Camp goes by, day by day

Thursday, July 15

Camp opens today with 49 rookies, free agents and selected veterans working out without pads.

The Packers were one short of perfect attendance—their second draft pick, defensive back George Teague, was in Montgomery, Ala., helping with the birth of his first child. Teague is expected to

show by the weekend, Coach Mike

practice, but Holmgren is pleased with his

athletes' condition. "We are in better con-

dition than we were, certainly, a year

ago," Holmgren says. "That was our goal.

And Kent (Strength and Conditioning

Coach Johnston) traveled out and did all

It's hard to tell much after only one

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Holmgren says.

those things. Those tests we gave were an incentive. The guys worked hard and there are only a couple of guys who need a little more running."

All four of the team's quarterbacks are on the field. Pro Bowler Brett Favre seems to be throwing the ball as hard as he was in December.

Friday, July 16

How many days can a professional football team practice without sustaining an injury?

Not one — if this team is an example.

Thursday was their first day of practice and also marked their first injury: Second-year defensive end Malcolm Showell sprained an arch "Right at the end of practice," Holmgren laments today.

Showell sits out, as does defensive end Sebastian Barrie, who has a hamstring problem. "We're just being real careful with him," Holmgren says, adding he believes the hamstring is unrelated to Barrie's 1992 knee injury.

Among the healthy players who are practicing, the newest face is former Oilers' running back Allen Pinkett, who signed July 9 as an unrestricted free agent.

The 5-foot-9, 193-pounder is shorter and lighter than every other back on the roster. Can a "scat back" of that size fit? "I think so," says Holmgren. 'He's small but he's strong. Size doesn't bother me too



Brian Noble (91) changed his off-season workout program and credits it with helping him run his fastest 40-yard dash time since high school.

— David J. Garot photo

much there, as long as they are strong, explosive, run well and have the skill level. Our other fellas are larger, so it

sticks out just a little bit but it doesn't bother me."

Pinkett, who had reconstructive knee surgery following a season-ending injury Aug. 1, 1992, in the role of Green Bay's third-down go-to back. Holmgren says that's premature. "I have to see more of Allen," he explains. "He has been an every-down back in his career. He's coming off pretty serious knee surgery. He's a very bright guy, a hard-working guy. Right now we are looking at him as being an every-down back. I don't picture him as being a third-down back necessarily right now. But it's way early to tell."

Saturday, July 17

Linebacker Johnny Holland signs a one-year contract (see box, at left).

Sunday, July 18

The first practices mixing veterans and those who reported July 14 occur today, but full pads are still one day away.

Autograph seekers mob Reggie White.

Monday, July 19

It was just last week that Holmgren was saying "boys will be boys."

Today they are.

The team's first full-contact practice in complete pads is a high-spirited affair this morning with plenty of pads popping and at least one injury, apparently minor.

The coaches have to rein them in slightly, from time to time. "It happens every year," Holmgren says. "My whole point in that is I do not want someone to take a cheap shot and someone getting hurt. The players know that. They are frisky today. It will happen again. But it shouldn't happen too many more times."

Fifth-year wide receiver James Milling, acquired from Atlanta's Falcons in exchange for defensive end Lester Continued on next page

Four vets remain unsigned

Ken Ruettgers, Tony Bennett, Matt Brock and Ron Hallstrom remain unsigned as of Aug. 1.

In the middle of last week, Brock's agent predicted his client would sign by this past weekend.

Agent Jim Maloney was seeking a deal substantially better than Shawn Patterson's one-year, \$505,000 1993 bonus and salary.

Hallstrom's agent reports the Packers have not budged from their one-year offer of \$750,000 which is a \$70,000 increase from 1992.

Agent Harold Lewis advocates a modest raise plus an incentive package which would make Hallstrom's salary comparable to other offensive line starters here, if he eventually is a starter.

"We think that's more than fair," Lewis told the Green Bay Press-Gazette. "I believe any fan in Green Bay would think the same. If Ronnie ends up starting — which he always does and we believe will be the case again this year — then he should be paid like one."

The Packers are believed to be seeking a long-term deal with Bennett, who reportedly favors a one-year contract.

To get Bennett to give up unre-

stricted free agency next year, the Packers probably have to pay him comparable to the top linebackers since he had the third-most sacks among NFL linebackers over the past two years (26 1/2). The average of the 10 highest-paid linebackers is \$2.169 million.

Ruettgers' contract talks have run the gamut from one- to fouryear contracts. As a transition player, the ninth-year Packer is guaranteed a minimum of \$1.905 million, the average of the NFL's 10 best-paid offensive linemen.

Agent Jeff Morrad said it's Ruettger's preference to finish his career here.

Holland signs, eyes opener

Linebacker Johnny Holland signed a one-year contract reportedly worth \$675,000 in base salary with a \$75,000 reporting bonus on July 17. It could rise to \$1 million with incentives (\$200,000 if he's on the field for 50 percent of the defensive plays; \$250,000 for 85 percent).

"We don't think the \$750,000 is a fair salary," his agent, brother Jake Holland, told the *Press-Gazette*. "But it's the best we could do without any leverage."

The seventh-year pro failed his

team physical and was placed on the physically unable to perform list, where he's getting \$400,000.

Estimates of his return range from his own prediction he'll start the opener Sept. 5 to General Manager Ron Wolf's suggestion that "there's a good chance" Holland won't be back until the sixth week of the regular season.

If Holland doesn't pass his physical by the mandatory Aug. 24 cut to 60, it's likely he'd be moved from the 80-man roster. League rules then prevent him from practicing during the first six weeks of the season.

"All the doctors don't think it will be that long," Wolf tells the Milwaukee Sentinel. "I don't particularly share that thought. I'm hoping they're right."

Running back Darrell Thompson signed July 16. He got a one-year deal, one day before he was required to report.

Wide receiver Ron Lewis ended a seven-day holdout July 23 by signing a one-year contract reportedly having a \$350,000 base and \$150,000 in incentives.

When they signed Lewis, the Packers released wide receiver Louis Clark. Clark had been an off-season free-agent acquisition.

Diary

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Archambeau, injures his left knee during a collision with strong safety LeRoy Butler. Milling is helped off the field, applies ice to the knee and watches the remainder of practice before limping away. The injury doesn't appear serious but its true extent isn't immediately known.

Tuesday, July 20

Yesterday was the first day of training camp in pads and its effects will likely be felt into next week.

Four wide receivers and a defensive end went down with injuries Monday. Their No. 2 tight end falls this morning.

Monday's final receiver toll turns out to be: Mark Clayton, the potential starter opposite Sterling Sharpe; Louis Clark, Milling and Chris Holder. Defensive end Don Davey also went down. Tight end Ed West suffers an ankle injury this morning.

Clayton, 32, pulled a hamstring slightly, Holmgren says. "We're being careful with it. I'm hoping it's a couple- or threeday shot, but we'll see."

(Most of those guys do return in one or two days).

In a collision with strong safety LeRoy Butler, Milling injured his left knee, ankle and sustained a concussion, the latter necessitating what eventually becomes a three-night hospital stay and a trip back to his Maryland hometown for another opinion, rest and recuperation.

"He got a pretty good bump on the head," Holmgren says. "I'm hoping he's back in a couple of days."

The injuries are "a little expected, when you consider the type of injury," says Holmgren, referring to fact most appear relatively minor. "You want to avoid the big ones. You're going to get your share of one or two-day injuries. That's just part of it.

"What happened yesterday however, was one position — four guys — bang. You want to avoid that, because then you get into a numbers problem."

Wednesday, July 21

Steady linebacker Brian Noble says his restructured off-season training regimen emphasizing speed and quickness, rather than upper-body strength, helped him run his fastest 40-yard dash since high school in 1980. Down perhaps 10 pounds from the 250 he played at last season, the ninth-year pro says he ran a 4.7 recently.

Thursday, July 22

Flamboyant cornerback Terrell Buckley amends earlier statements that he'll get 20-25 interceptions this season.

"I think more reasonable would be 10-15," he says. "If I have a great year, 15-20. A pretty good year would be 10 or 15."

Buckley's math includes: Being in camp for its entirety this season will be worth seven; Reggie White's pass pressure should be worth "four or five" and he adds in three, since that's how many he had in 1992. Thus, he expects 14 or 15.

Friday, July 23

West, who sprained his ankle the other day, returns to work but center Jim Campen misses because of a shoulder injury sustained while lifting this morning.

It comes to light that linebacker Mark D'Onofrio suffered a serious groin pull while lifting weights at home shortly before the start of training camp.

"This is pretty severe," Holmgren tells

the Milwaukee Journal. "My understanding is that this is a tough injury.

Veteran beat writer Bob McGinn characterizes Holmgren in print as giving the impression D'Onofrio is through for the year. A couple of days later, in response to a direct question from this reporter, Holmgren said no medical people have actually told him it is season-ending.

Monday, July 26

Many workers have a hard time returning to the grind on Monday mornings.

The Packers appear to be no different.

Their mitigating circumstances were more believable than most - they had a full-contact scrimmage that lasted nearly two hours amid high temperatures and humidity yesterday afternoon - but their boss still isn't buying.

"They were lethargic," Holmgren says after Monday morning's workout. "We had some good things and some bad things. That's what I talked to them about: How they practice after a scrimmage is part of their mental toughness. They have to come out when they are sore, tired, cranky and tired of hitting each other, they've got to come out, practice and work.

"We had some periods when I didn't think the tempo was very good, but then it picked up. There were some good things."

Tuesday, July 27

 Today we learn a shoulder strain will force Campen to miss 7-10 more days.

He will definitely miss Saturday's opener and may well sit out Aug. 7 also.

Campen strained the rotator-cuff area of his left shoulder while lifting July 23 and has not practiced since. X-rays were negative. Monday's magnetic resonance imaging revealed no tear in the muscle.

"It's still inflamed so we are going to

try to take care of it, first of all, with just some rehab and then we'll re-evaluate it in about 10 days," Holmgren says.

"They're going to rest it for 7-10 days and then re-evaluate it. At that point, they might have to take another course of action if they don't feel he's making any

Wayne Simmons, the team's No. 1 draft pick who is currently the starting left outside linebacker, suffered a knee injury Monday and does not work out today.

Fellow linebacker Bruce Paup, who started 10 games last year and is starting at right outside linebacker during Tony Bennett's holdout, limps off the field this morning and was driven back to the locker room on a cart. "Bryce had a groin pull. He's been nursing that thing along and I think he pulled it a little bit more during practice," Holmgren says.

Holland, who is rehabilitating from cervical fusion surgery Jan. 12, hit a tackling dummy for the first time Monday. That's part of step-by-step, three-a-day workouts designed to progressively work him toward a return to action this season. Live one-on-one hitting is at least one to two weeks away.

"Our medical report last night was very upbeat and very positive about Johnny," Holmgren says today. "Nothing has changed about how we are handling that. He's doing a little bit more every day."

Wednesday, July 28

Simmons is expected to miss three to five weeks following July 29's arthroscopic surgery to repair torn cartilage in his right knee.

"It'll set him back a little bit, certainly," Holmgren says today. "But we're talking 4-6 weeks and he'll back in there at the beginning of the season."

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 Brett Favre, recalling the day he was traded.

Brett hopes kids don't hit him

by Al Pahl Managing Editor

Quarterback Brett Favre seems like your ol' pal — like somebody you've known for years, even though you haven't.

Here's a samplin' of what our ol' pal from Kiln, Miss. has been saying:

On Green Bay: "It's not like anywhere else in the NFL. It's almost like playing for a high-school team.

"I go into McDonald's and people treat me like I'm the high-school quarterback, not a guy playing in the NFL. It's kind of nest"

On fans' expectations: "Everybody is excited when we come off the field and people say, 'Super Bowl! Super Bowl!'

"I say, 'I hope so' because I don't want to stick my foot in my mouth and say, 'Yeah we're going' and then (if they don't) next year women are beating up on us and children are hitting me.

"Right now, they are hugging us. If we play terrible, I'm worried.

"I'm excited. I think we have a chance to go but I'm not going to stick my foot in mouth and say we are. I hope we live up to expectations."

On the inevitable comparison to Don Majkowski: "I've heard it time and time again: 'Brett, I hope you're not a one-year wonder.' They fail to realize I hope I'm not a one-year wonder, either."

On the Holmgren offense: "We have a great system. All quarterbacks who have played under this system have done well.

"I think I'm a pretty good quarterback. The system will not do it for you itself. You have to execute it. I like to think I'm pretty good and the guys around me are pretty good."

On Steve Young's five-year, \$26.75 million contract: "I wouldn't know what to do with that money. I think what I make now is a lot of money.

"My agent always says, 'What would you do with \$5 million?'

"I said that's just a number. If someone wrote me a \$5 million check I'd probably think I could spend it at Super Valu market down here buying groceries.

"That's a lot of money. I'd probably spend it on family and buy a house and enjoy myself."

On the team attitude: "Everyone is talking about NFC championship but that's not going to take care of itself. Our attitude is better. Everyone around is joking. We're moving quicker, practices are better."

On whether the 1993 offense will contain a lot more plays: "We are a lot more advanced than last year, obviously,



Brett Favre believes his team is going to playoffs but is hesitant to publicly predict that.

after being in the system for a year.

"I don't know how much they let off last year. I still think I'm pretty young; I'm 23. I hope he (Coach Mike Holmgren) doesn't get crazy this year and throw a lot at me. I'm not that smart.

"I think this year will be a lot more advanced. We have more experienced guys in the backfield. We can do more with the receiver positions. I'm ready for them to give me more things.

"This offense can expand so much; we haven't experienced the fat part of it yet. You saw the 49ers; it took them a long time to finally get that offense down. Once they did, they were very good and still are. When we get to that point, we can be very good — but who knows when we will be there?"

On the 1993 season: "I feel pretty good. I still feel good about what's ahead of us.

"We will not sneak up on anybody. We'll have to play well. When we played Philadelphia last year, they maybe took us lightly. We've got to play our best to beat them. Then they'll say this is a good football team."

On the 1992 trade from Atlanta to Green Bay: "I was sitting at my parents' table, eating crawfish and drinking a pitcher of beer with my brother when I was traded.

"I really didn't know what to think. They (Atlanta) called and said, 'You've been traded.'

"Me and my brother are sitting there and he said, 'You're kidding.'

"And I said, no, I was.

"I didn't know what they gave up for me or anything.

"Then Ron (Wolf) called and said, 'We're glad to have you and we feel in a couple of years, you could be our starter.' So I poured another pitcher of beer and was very excited." worked very hard. Now I'm working harder.

"I can't say, 'Reggie thinks I'm a great quarterback, and now I can just sit back."

"I'm average in smarts, Ability, I'm pretty good. I had to get in better shape (he shed about 10 pounds). My arm strength is pretty good.

"This off-season, I studied more; more film...I feel good about myself."

By the way: "Steve (Quarterbacks Coach Mariucci) is getting gray. I hope that's not because of me."

"We get along good. Training camp can be very hard on you; you have six weeks of nothing but football with curfews every night. After awhile, you can sort of get to each other.

"Everybody in the NFL can play. Everybody has good players. It's who can go through a long season, who can get along well and play as a team. You can't have egos here and egos there. That's not going to get you there.

On his work habits: "The past year I

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"I was a little concerned, because there weren't many black people in Green Bay to minister to. But then I talked to Sterling Sharpe and he told me 'white people need ministering, too. I'll get you a church.'"

-- Reggie White

Reggie feels great here

by Al Pahl Managing Editor

Is Reggie White a big deal here these days?

He gets mobbed for autographs, the fans isolated on him during July 25's scrimmage — even away from the ball — and one Milwaukee paper runs daily notes on him called "Reggie Watch," with the Gs in the shape of the Packers' logo.

Yes, Reggie White is a big deal. And here are some of the things he's been saying:

On the adjustment from Philadelphia: "The adjustment is getting used to the new system, getting used to new people ... I miss the guys back in Philly.

"Sometimes if you're not careful you look over and you expect maybe (the late) Jerome (Brown) to be next to you."

On his place with the Packers: "I talked to some of the guys and pretty much let them know and (Defensive Line Coach) Greg Blache let them know this is not my defense. This is our defense. I think everybody realized that at first anyway.

"I'm not going to be the savior of this defense. I've been the focus of the attention but when we're on the field, it's not just Reggie White."

On his salary: "I sense no jealously at all...When you put on that helmet and strap those shoulder pads on, that \$17 million doesn't make any difference. It ain't going to be laying on the field for you to get."

On what's currently making him happy: "The atmosphere is causing the upbeat attitude. I feel so good about this team, more than any team I've ever played for"

On comparing the Philadelphia defense to Ray Rhodes': "You can't compare it. It's two different styles of defense. Both are attacking-type defenses. So we're still attacking.

"I don't mind lining up in a 3-4. And a lot off times we won't be lining up in a 3-4, we'll be in a 4-3. I'm the type of guy you can get along with real well. I won't fuss over anything; argue about doing this or that. There's no way I'd run upstairs and say, 'I want to run a 4-3.' That's not my responsibility or duty to go and try to tell some guys who have been coaching this game for a long time what to do."

On the Packers' attitude: "The attitude has been great. Everybody's really been working hard. Nobody's been complaining about anything. Just everybody going out there and working and trying to make each other better. Guys are doing everything they can to get better. My roommate is Harry Galbreath. Sometimes if I beat him, he wants to pass-set in the room. The attitude is great. I'm really excited about the opportunity."



Reggie White is fast, but it's not the wind making his jersey skrunch up. It's the hand of Raider tackle Bruce Wilkerson holding onto it.

— David J. Garot photo

On whether he's making friends among his new teammates: "Everybody has definitely been coming up to me and talking to me more and more every day. I'm talking to them too. You're going to be playing with these guys six months — hopefully seven months — out of the year. That's pretty much your family because you spend more time with them than you do with your family, so we've got to get to know each other."

On whether he's been asked for

advice: "Nobody's really asked me too much advice. Some of the guys, I'll go up and talk to them if I see something. Sometimes they may ask me. Especially defensive line, they may ask me some questions. Or if I see something I think someone can better themselves on, I may say something to them."

On his own film study of other pass rushers: "A great player watches other great players. A great player doesn't have an ego to where he can't sit down and look

at other great pass rushers."

On individual Packer offensive linemen: "Joe Sims has been doing good. Surprisingly well. He's better than I thought he was."

On Keith Byers coming to Green Bay: "I talked to Keith. He wanted to come here but I think it was a money situation with the team. When I signed, they wanted Keith, but had to back off because they had a lot of other players out. I wanted Keith here, but I can understand them wanting to get their own players signed. I think he would have fit in real well."

On the defense: "It's going to be real tough on offenses, especially when Tony (Bennett) gets back in. I think it could be a situation with myself, Bill (Maas) and Tony like we had in Philly with myself, Clyde (Simmons) and Jerome."

On the difference between the Packers and Eagles: "Right now every-body in this organization, all the way down to the trainers and equipment managers, is on the same page and everybody is expecting the same thing and that's to win.

"In Philadelphia, all of us weren't on the same page. We used to always say we considered ourselves 'downstairs' and considered them 'upstairs.' There was a big gap.

On the two teams' fans: "The fans in Philadelphia were just as enthusiastic but I tell you what: You better not mess up in the stands, especially if you're a Cowboys' fan. They'll throw you out of there in a minute. Plus, they snowballed Santa Claus a few times."



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Fans enjoy scrimmage

by Al Pahl Managing Editor

More people saw the Packers' intrasquad scrimmage in Lambeau Field July 25 than were able to attend their preseason opener six days later against the Raiders

Thirty thousand faithful, the Packers' security director estimated, cheered without restraint the debut of Reggie White and the return of Brett Favre. (Fawcett Stadium, the site of Saturday's game with the Raiders at the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio, holds just 22,735.)

"It was incredible," said White. "When I walked out there and saw all those people, that was an experience like none other...To see this many people out for a professional scrimmage is incredible. The fans are to be commended."

Said Favre, "It's fun to run back out there and every one starts cheering. I hope we can keep playing well and everyone keeps doing that. It was a lot of fun. I enjoyed the crowd."

Coach Mike Holmgren was no less enthusiastic about the enthusiasts. "The crowd was spectacular," he said. "That was really fun. I'm glad for their sake that we had this. I think they had fun. They were excited."

Favre opens with TD drive

They were excited from the get-go, as Favre opened the scrimmage by directing July 25's version of the No. 1 offense on a scoring drive against the No. 2 defense. The third-year signal caller looked as sharp as he has most of camp; connecting on five-of-five passing attempts for 40 yards. His longest completion was a nine-yard touchdown toss to Robert Brooks.

"We did some good things," Favre said. "Our game plan was to just throw some short passes and get into kind of a rhythm. In some situations last year late in the season I think we went out early and tried to run some seven- and five-step drops and kind of got in trouble. You can't do that nowadays in the NFL. I think we realized that. So we went out and threw a lot of short passes and it worked for us. It drove us right down the field and opened our running game up and we put the ball in the end zone."

Brooks led all receivers with four catches for 31 yards and the day's only touchdown reception, which came on a play where he lined up opposite Pro-Bowler Sterling Sharpe. "If you get Sterling out there and have a tight end and a running back to the same side, obviously they are going to roll their coverage that way," Favre said. "They did that. They left Robert one-on-one and he beat the guy and made a great catch."

It looks like Clayton v. Brooks

The starting job opposite Sharpe appears to be distilling to a duel of the second-year man versus 11th-year veteran Mark Clayton. Brooks has "had a great training camp so far," Holmgren lauded. "Robert Brooks is a good example of a guy coming into camp, really being ready to go every practice, every play like it



Darrell Thompson, pictured here July 31 against the Raiders, produced the most exciting play of July 25's Packer intra-squad scrimmage, an 11-yard cut-back

run around left end which featured a flying block by quarterback Brett Favre.

— David J. Garot photo

meant the Super Bowl and then he carried that right into the scrimmage. If we can get that type of effort from him all season long, he's going to have a good year."

Said Favre, "Robert has improved dramatically. He really has. He's grown up a lot and he's catching the ball real well."

The highlight of the opening drive and perhaps of the scrimmage was the longest run of the day, an 11-yarder by halfback Darrell Thompson. Thompson started out right, then reversed his field and sprinted around the left side, where Favre attempted a flying block.

Favre: 'I kind of lost control'

"The line did a great job," said Thompson, who shared the day's rushing honors (15 yards apiece) with his competition for the starting halfback slot: John Stephens. "I cut back and tried to outrun some people. I couldn't outrun everybody but it went well."

Favre found it hard to explain what he was doing throwing his body around in a scrimmage. "I kind of got back to my old college days there. Even high school," he said. "I kind of lost control. I didn't know what I was doing. I forgot I had a red jersey on. I knew they wouldn't hit me so I might as well hit somebody else. Kind of made my coaches mad, but what the heck. I like to get hit every once in awhile. It's just too bad I missed him.

"I don't know. He (Thompson) was out there all alone. I was just going to save him. I'll probably get chewed out tonight in a meeting."

The night's film session would be Holmgren's first look at the flying block. "I didn't see that," he admitted immediately after the scrimmage. "I'm glad I didn't see that. Any time he breaks the pocket I get nervous. Did he make a block?

"During a game, he'd do that and I'd want him to do that. I don't ever want to get him hurt obviously, but if it takes something like that to score a touchdown, win a game, he's going to do that. That's

how he plays. He's a competitor. We all know that."

White the objective of fan attention

Safety LeRoy Butler came up with the day's only interception, on a Ty Detmer pass that was tipped by intended receiver Chris Holder.

Every time the public-address announcer mentioned White, the crowd cheered. Ohs and Ahs came up on one play on which White didn't even make the tackle — he put the blocker on his butt and the crowd, obviously watching White even though he was nowhere near the ball, reacted

White finished with two tackles and no sacks, seeing action on 15 plays.

Linebacker Brian Noble had a teamhigh six tackles, along with one sack. Linebacker Bryce Paup, playing for the unsigned Tony Bennett, had 1.5 sacks. Defensive end Shawn Patterson had 1/2sack and cornerback Corey Harris blitzed in for one sack.

One of White's tackles threw Stephens for a'loss on third-and-one.

"I would never do this," Holmgren said, feigning shock while referring to Offensive Coordinator Sherm Lewis' decision to run at White on that play.

"You get calling the plays and you kind of forget he (White) is in there, to be honest," Holmgren explained. "During a scrimmage, you have your hands full just trying to get the right players in there and all the things you're working on to get ready for your first game.

"But I would never run a short-yardage play right at him. That's craziness.

"We were third-and-one and then we were fourth and one and a half," Holmgren noted with a chuckle.

The head coach was happy to get out of the scrimmage with no new major injuries, since it was a muscle pull suffered in last year's team scrimmage which benched Thompson from Aug. 2-Oct. 7.

Upon further review, work still needed

"Some of the fellas, really showed pretty well," Holmgren said. "Our first drive was a pretty good drive and our first defense played pretty well. We got some good work on special teams. All in all, for a first scrimmage, I think after I view the film I will be pleased, generally speaking."

But after having Sunday night to review tapes of the scrimmage, Holmgren noted the next day, "I told you yesterday I felt good about the scrimmage. Then I went and looked at the film and got ticked off about a few things. That's very typical.

"The good thing about it is no one got hurt. We did some good things. But then we did enough (miscues) so I can use that (tape) to correct, teach, continue to build."

He said the mistakes were a combination of physical and mental errors. "The mental errors drive me nuts," Holmgren said. "Physical errors are going to happen because that's just the nature of the game. Mental errors I cannot stomach. They've got to correct those right now.

"This is a growing, on-going process. I want to see I have to see, the mental mistakes starting to be eliminated. Otherwise, the young man doesn't have a chance to make the team."



Wayne Simmons: a man apart

Just the name alone, Wayne General Simmons, suggests a man apart.

And, in the seasoned view of Defensive Coordinator Ray Rhodes, the Packers' first 1993 draft choice authenticates that impression on the field.

"Wayne," he will tell you, "is a unique athlete. He's a rusher, he can cover and he can play the run. And he has great size and speed...He's the kind of athlete you're looking for at his position.

"Most outside linebackers you draft are lacking something. They may have the size but they don't have the speed. Or they have the speed but not the size. (But) he can do it all. He's a big (6-2-1/2 and 240 pounds) outside linebacker who comes along in the draft in that combination only every three or four years."

Which, of course, is why Rhodes and Head Coach Mike Holmgren have been so intrigued with No. 59's impressive "combination" that they long since have designated him the starter at left outside linebacker, a rare tribute to a rookie. (Johnny Holland was the last Packer linebacker to

his side of the defense should help his overall transition.

"On our side of the ball, offenses are going to have to account for Reggie, whatever that means - being doubled-teamed or whatever," he noted with admirable practicality. "I'll be left in the shadows, so to speak."

Asked if Reverend White has offered counsel during these early days of camp, Simmons said, "Not really ... That's the transition I'm going through right now. I'm trying to find what my role is here on

huddle on occasion — 'Come on guys,

native, who weighs his words with care in

response to questions, has deliberately

taken a low-key approach to deflecting the

pressure which inevitably accompanies

being named a persuasion starter as a

in line to go through the drills," he said. "I

work extremely hard every day to get bet-

ter each day. I know I'm the person pen-

ciled in for this position but I'm going to

Technique's more important in NFL

fronts him is adapting to what he terms "a

totally different scheme" from the one he

found himself in as a collegian - a

"At Clemson, the philosophy I came

change he clearly welcomes.

Implicit in the challenge which con-

earn it and I'm going to work for it."

The way I feel, I'm just the first one

rookie.

from we were pretty much back on our heels," he explained. "With Ray's scheme, it's attack...turn the ball over, force them to make mistakes, put pressure on them. That's what you need."

In addition to mastering his responsibilities in the scheme itself, Simmons said, there is a need to improve and refine his technique.

"That's something I'm going to have to work on. It's very important. In college, it's so much physical. Technique is so important here.

"Up here, technique wins...great position. That's what I need to work on. I have to grasp the concept of the defense and I have to polish my technique. Hopefully I'll have enough time to work on it during come true, it was devastating. So I prepared myself: 'Wayne, if it comes, it comes, but don't long for it."

Atmosphere comparable to Clemson's

He was, however, a pro football buff, noting, "You always have your childhood teams. My childhood team was Pittsburgh. They came into our area regularly on television when I was growing up. So if there were any kind of envisionment on my part, it probably would have been the Steelers. They were the dominating team when I was a child...Franco Harris...Joe Greene...'

Although playing in Green Bay obviously was not something he had pictured for himself, Simmons is patently pleased with how things have worked out.

"When I came up here before the draft, you could see the tradition here," he said. You could see the lifestyle. And coming from Clemson, where it was the same kind of program - everything was Clemson you could feel it. I could sense it when I stepped off the plane. So I'm very fortunate to be here in this situation, because I experienced it before."

When it was noted his mother also had been pleased to learn he had been drafted by the Packers, Simmons observed, "I think it goes to say that my mother struggled so much, it was apparent that we reached the top together and we can take a lot of pressures of society off our chests, so to speak, because I can provide for

Although they have visited on the telephone since he has been in camp, the conversation has never included a discussion of his football progress or regimen, he confided.

Keeping football, family separate

"I try to keep that separate," Simmons said. "I'm an individualist in terms of getting myself prepared. If there are any mishaps, I want to blame myself. So I keep my football side away from the fami-

"My mom has offered me advice about life," he acknowledged, proceeding to echo her counsel. "Wayne, this is a time to concentrate...The limelight is on you, so you pretty much have to watch what you do, what you say. It may not be wrong, but you still have to watch it.""

If it hasn't already been apparent, the 23-year-old Carolinian - who owns a B.A. degree in finance and is working towards a masters degree — thinks deeply about his life and where he wants it to take

"I'm very ambitious," he says of himself, enunciating his philosophy. "I'm just trying to find out where I fit in in life. It's hard for me to pretty much pinpoint a target - what I'm here on this land to do, whatever God put me here to do...But I know I'll reach it because I'm very ambitious."

And his goal this rookie season?

"My goal is that every Monday when we review the film - my colleagues, my teammates and my coaches can proudly say, 'Wayne gave it his all.'"

Which is what you might expect from one whose middle name is "General."





start as a rookie.) 🕟 🦘

Simmons' progress is slowed somewhat now, because of last week's arthroscopic surgery to repair torn cartilage in his right knee. But three to five weeks from now, Holmgren and Rhodes hope to have their top pick back on track toward starting as soon as possible.

Realizes the challenges ahead

One, however, that Simmons, a mature young man with a clear grasp of life's practical realities, is not about to take for granted.

"It's not an easy task whatsoever," said he, addressing the quantum leap from Clemson's campus to the NFL. "It's still a transition. The game is much more uptempo here. There are fewer mistakes being made. Any given time you hesitate, you can be burned."

Bob Valesente, Simmons' position coach, is similarly forthright about what lies ahead of the newcomer in adapting to his new role.

"He's got a big challenge in front of him," said Valesente of the 15th player selected in the draft. "He is playing a very difficult position. His progress has been good but he's vulnerable to rookie mistakes while he's learning the system.

'But I'm very pleased with his effort to learn, how he is playing over the tight end and his excellent work ethic."

Happy to be in White's shadow

From Simmons' perspective, the presence of the redoubtable Reggie White on this team. "(But) I have heard Reggie address a pick up the pace."

The thoughtful Hilton Head, S.C.,



The Packers believe their top draft choice, Wayne Simmons, will rebound from last week's arthroscopic surgery to repair a knee ligament in time for the regular season.

What special assets, he was asked, does he bring to his role in the defense?

- David J. Garot photo

"I think what I can contribute is I can probably turn up the volume a little bit more than some others," Simmons rejoined. "When there's the time for it, I can turn up the volume to play."

Upon reflection, he added with quiet relish, "You love to be in that 'zone' some

Surprisingly enough, Simmons is not one who "always" dreamed about playing

"No, not whatsoever," was the emphatic reply to the question.

"Coming from Clemson, which is, or was, a great program, I was able to see how many guys were being exploited in college. I saw them dream about playing in the NFL and when that dream didn't





Family Spotlight

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(Editor's note: At Packer Report, we like to think we do as good or better job as anyone in terms of showing fans that players are more than just jersey numbers, statistics and a collection of athletic skills. In our continuing effort to show that professional athletes and their families are really more than sound bytes and a blur of color on a barroom TV screen, we'll be running "Family spotlight" each week. It will always occur in two consecutive issues: A players' response to our questionnaire the first week and his wife's answers the second week. We hope you'll enjoy this glimpse.)

Cindy Noble

Wife of ninth-year linebacker Brian

Born - April 12, 1962 in Anaheim, Calif.

College - Communications major, Arizona State.

Resides - Year-around in Green Bay Family - Husband Brian, daughters Amanda, 8; Taylor, 4.

A movie I'd recommend to my friends is - Sleepless in Seattle

My occupation is - Home maker, part-time model.

The things I like about my occupation are - Being able to be with my children and watch their developments. I feel fortunate to be home with the kids.

The things I like about football are.—
It's exciting but at the same time, scary for me to watch.

The things I like to do best with my family are - Family vacations. Our kids are great travelers! We've been fortunate to do some traveling. Best family vacation so far: Hawaii.

I would describe my husband as -Understanding, loyal, sensitive, very competitive. And a great dad, too!

I would describe myself as - Sensitive, organized, trusting and supportive. I'm a good listener.

My favorite pieces of advice to give people are - Be happy! If you need to make a change in some way in your life, go for it! Life is too short not to be happy.

The most influential people in my life are - My husband and my parents. We've been married 10 years, so Brian has really been there for me, in all aspects of my life. The same with my parents — my mom is my best friend. She's more than a mom.

My greatest personal accomplishment
- Our children and the strength of our marriage. I believe that family is very important.



Whether it's really a vacation for the Noble family to visit Disneyland in Anaheim, Calif. remains a matter of interpretation — Cindy and Brian Noble were both born in Anaheim and Brian's parents live near the theme park. Here, Cindy poses with daughters 4 1/2-year-old Taylor (left) and eight-year-old Amanda during a recent trip to The Magic Kingdom.

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Who all played for the Packers? How many players were there? Remember the Packers are now in their 75th season. Most of the players of the first 25 years are dead. We're talking generations of players.

Back in the late 1940s and early 1950s, one Roger Treat, a sportswriter and editor, decided to write what he called the National Football League Encyclopedia. He compiled an alphabetical list of all the players in the NFL through around 1955. He got the names off the rosters of the players each team registered with the NFL plus personal contact with some teams, including the Packers.

I launched the Green Bay Packer Yearbook in 1960 and decided to print an all-time roster of Packer players, getting names from Treat's encyclo and the Packers.

That first Yearbook carried the names of 519 players covering 42 years — an average of nearly 13 per year. The Packers started publishing the player list in their press guide in the mid-1960s and have continued every since.

Total Packer players: 1,158

Okay, smarties, how many Packers are listed now?

The 1993 media guide has 1,158 names in the All-Time Player Roster. That's an increase of 639 over the 1960 All-Time Roster, more than double. Few new players were added in the roaring 1960s but starting with the losing teams in the 1970s and 1980s the player turnover was great.

So now you've got 1,158 players to mull over. How many can you name? Sure, the biggies come to mind in a hurry but what about some of the Forgottens, all excellent players, like:

Dick Wildung, a Minnesota tackle in the 1950s; Jim Carter, the linebacker who had such a hard time playing in Ray Nitschke's shadow; Ted Cook, a pass catching end in the 1940s; Fred Carr, the linebacker of 1968-77 who made the Packer Hall of Fame; Al Carmichael, the kickoff returner who holds the Packer KO mark, in the 1950s; Dick Deschaine, the no-college punting phenom; Johnny Symank, a hard-hitting defense back in the 1950s; and a hundred others.

There were also a big number of gents who came in for a cup of coffee (a baseball term). All of the names on the All-Time roster played in one or more NFL games (not counting the town teamers), including 563 players who were here for only one season.

The one-year wonders include Harry Sydney, the ex-San Francisco back who did so well last year; Mike Tomczak, the ex-Bear quarterback who lost a shot when he held out; Ben Agajanian, the kicker who replaced Army-bound Paul Hornung for a short spell in '61; Quarterback Jim Del Gaizo, who cost the Pack too much in a trade in '73; and, of course, 559 others.

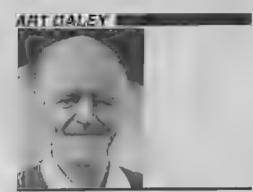
How many tried and failed?

While there were an "official" 1,158 players, there were many hundreds more who tried out and didn't make it. For

In observance of the Packers' Diamond instance, Coach Mike Holmgren started training camp this year with 80 athletes. Thirty or more won't make the final roster. The cutees will try to catch on with another team while others will be able to tell their grandchildren that "I played with the Green Bay Packers."

Now let's get in some name-calling. Who was the greatest overall player in Packer history?

A few years ago the Green Bay Press-Gazette convened a panel to discuss and "name" the Pack's greatest player. The names of at least a dozen players were



kicked around and a final vote came out this way: Don Hutson, 3 votes; Bart Starr,

It was agreed that Hutson and Starr were the greatest in their era - Hutson in' the Curly Lambeau period and Starr in Vince Lombardi's time. They were equal in their particular skill on their field, that is their value to their teams.

However, the difference was that Hutson was a factor in preserving the Packer franchise in the NFL. The team was in a financial bind when sued by a fan who fell from the stands, about the same time Hutson came on the scene. His pass catching was the scourge of the league and the key to the Pack's titles in 1936, 1939 and

1944. Hutson set records that took decades to break. He played 11 years, 1935-45.

Starr's greatness was twofold. He presided over Lombardi's five championships. In the '61 and '62 title seasons he had the two best backs in the NFL - Paul Hornung and Jim Taylor. It was easy and productive handing off to them and passing didn't seem such a big factor.

When Hornung and Taylor started to slow down some, the Packers became more of a passing team as they won the famed triple, 1965-67 and the first two Super Bowls. Starr was deadly with his passing and his signal calling (no bench signals then). Proof was being named Most Valuable Player in Super Bowls I and II. Starr, who was a 17th-round draft choice in 1956, played 16 seasons.

Two all-time teams named

There were so many great players but it's impossible to name them all. A few years back Lee Remmel, the Pack's PR chief, conducted a poll for Pro!, the Pack's home programs and broke the voting into the Iron Man Era and the Two-Platoon

The Iron Man team had Don Hutson and Milt Gantenbein at the ends; 'Cal Hubbard and Baby Ray at the tackles; Mike Michalske and Buckets Goldenberg at guards; Charley Brock at center; Larry Craig at blocking back: Johnny Blood and Tony Canadeo at halfback; and Clarke

That team didn't include a passer so you have to add Arnie Herber and Cecil Isbell, who worked as halfbacks. The QB then was a blocking back. Other greats left off were Cub Buck, Pete Tinsley, Jug Earp, Verne Lewellen, Joe Laws, Andy Uram and Ted Fritsch.

The Two-Platoon picks were just about all from Lombardi's powerhouses but since then you could add some stars of the 1970s and 1980s like James Lofton,

Sterling Sharpe, Rich McGeorge, Johnny Gray, Willie Buchanon and others.

Here's the Two-Platoon vote: Offense: Ends - Max McGee and Boyd Dowler; Tackles - Forrest Gregg and Bob Skoronski; Guards — Fuzzy Thurston and Jerry Kramer; Center - Jim Ringo; Quarterback - Bart Starr; Running Backs Jim Taylor and Paul Hornung; Punter Dick Deschaine; Kicker - Chester Marcol. You could get a good argument on behalf of Center Ken Bowman, who was often overlooked on the crucial block that gave the Pack a third-straight NFL title in the Ice Bowl.

Defensively, the Platoon picks were Willie Davis and Lionel Aldridge at ends; Henry Jordan and Dave Hanner at tackles; Ray Nitschke at middle linebacker and Dave Robinson and Fred Carr on the outside; Herb Adderley and Bob Jeter at cornerbacks; and Willie Wood and Bobby Dillon at safeties.

Yeah, I know, somebody was left out in both eras...like John Brockington, Tobin Rote, Donny Anderson, Jess Whittenton, Dick Himes, Marv Fleming, Red Dunn, Tom Moore and, oh for goodness sakes, let's end it right now.



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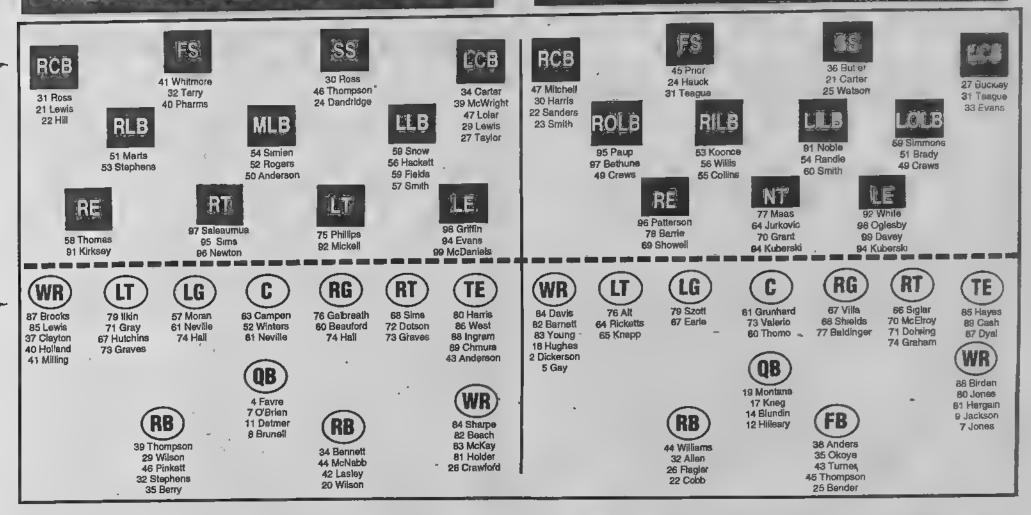
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-Waves may be only splashes

Tidal waves created by the free-agent signings of Joe Montana by the Chiefs and Reggie White by the Packers may turn out to be only a splash when the two teams meet at Milwaukee County Stadium Saturday night.

While all eyes will be on the pair Saturday, they could very well be focused on the sidelines as neither Montana or White are expected to see a huge dose of playing time.

More-than-likely fans of both players will have to wait until Nov. 8 to see more of the matchup when the Chiefs and Packers play for keeps in a Monday-night nationally televised contest.

For the time being both clubs will be content to fine-tune their games on both sides of the ball. In particular, Kansas City will be experimenting with a new offense under the guidance of Coordinator Paul

Despite gaining the playoffs with three consecutive 10-win seasons, Head Coach Marty Schottenheimer saw his offense crumble in those playoff appearances.

Rather than remain in the dark ages attempting to pound the ball down the enemy's throats with big backs, Schottenheimer brought Hackett aboard to install a more productive offense.

successful, many prognosticators project KC as a potential Super Bowl Club.

The lofty forecast centers around the fact the Chiefs' defense ranks among the NFL's elite. Knowing it may only need an offense to put some points on the board, Kansas City brass has, beginning with Montana, attempted to do whatever is necessary to raise their game to new heights.

Same end, different means

Ball-control is still the aim, but Hackett will strive for it with a short-to-medium range passing attack not unlike many NFL teams utilize today. Of course, it doesn't hurt to have the celebrated Montana guiding the attack.

However, if the Chiefs are to be the serious Super Bowl contender they think they are, they must find a way to protect their potentially fragile acquisition, considering the offensive line allowed 55 sacks in 17 1992 contests.

If the line isn't able to shield its new top-flight free agent, the health issue that has sidelined Montana much of the past two seasons could again be a problem.



Remaining as an insurance policy is 14-Should Hackett, who formerly lit a fire year veteran David Kreig, who is coming offensively at Dallas and San Francisco, be off a good season, and second-year Virginia product Matt Blundin. Expect Blundin to get lots of playing time Saturday.

The Chiefs have added Raiders' veteran tailback Marcus Allen in an attempt to get more versatility than big backs Christian Okoye and Barry Word provided last year. Harvey Williams remains as a potential gamebreaker and perhaps the best of the



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group.

Montana and Company have adequate, but far-from-spectacular wide receivers to throw to in Tim Barnett, J.J. Birder and Willie Davis. Birder's 42 receptions were tops last year, while Barnett's grabs accounted for a team-leading 756 yards." Hackett is also high on seventh-round Iowa draft choice Danan Hughes.

Hackett may need a more productive tight end than nine-year Iowa vet Jonathan Hayes, but at the moment the only real challenge in camp appears to be two-year Texas man Keith Cash.

Up front, keys could be how well threeyear Penn State youngster Joe Valerio replaces the departed Dave Lutz at right tackle, and whether four-year Notre Dame center Tim Grunhard can rebound from foot injuries.

The left tackle is expected to be John Alt with Phoenix seven-year free agent Danny Villa stepping in at right guard opposite Dave Szott.

Kansas City didn't get an opportunity until the third round of the draft for its first choice. They opted for 300-pound Nebraska guard Will Shields, whom they expect to bring along slowly.

Look low for Derrick Thomas

Despite all the offensive attention the club is getting, its dominating defense remains its bread and butter.

The Chiefs switched to a 4-3 last season and could be even stronger this campaign by shifting superstar Derrick Thomas to down lineman. Thomas, who has an NFLhigh 48 sacks since 1990, will be able to create more havoc on enemy QBs via the

Joining Thomas up front will be Pro-

Bowl end Neal Smith and tackle Dan Saleaumua, who combined for 20.5 sacks in 1992, Expected to battle for more playing time are eight-year vets Joe Phillips and Leonard Griffin and three-year Pitt youngster Tom Simms.

The biggest battle in camp is expected to be waged between middle linebackers Tracy Simien and 1991 top draft choice Percy Snow. Simien was a productive force last season, while Snow has been slow to recover from a motorcycle accident that sidelined him his rookie season.

KC is hopeful eight-year vet Dino Hackett can rebound from ear problems to once again be a force on the outside. If so, the Chiefs could groom Washington rookie Jamie Fields, Flanking Hackett is Lonnie Marts, who replaces the departed Chris Martin.

The Chiefs have perhaps the league's best stable of cornerbacks in Pro Bowlers Albert Lewis, Kevin Ross and Dale Carter, all of whom pilfered seven passes last

Free safety Charles Mincy is an opportunist who returned three interceptions for TDs last season, while Martin Bayless and David Whitmore (part of the Montana trade) will wage a spirited battle for the strong safety spot.

Bryan Barker best outdoor punter

Fourteen-year Dartmouth veteran placekicker Nick Lowery connected on 22-of-24 three-pointers last year and was rewarded with his third Pro Bowl berth. Meanwhile, four-year Santa Clara punter Bryan Barker overcame a sluggish start to punt better than anyone in the league out-

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Two Tampa parties set

Packers fans will have two parties to choose from this year in Tampa, before the Packers' Oct. 24 contest there.

America's Pack will stage one and so will the Tampa Bay Packer Backers, the group started in 1979 by Bob Goodwin which took a one-year party hiatus last year.

America's Pack is kicking off festivities with a get-together Saturday evening at JB's Sports Bar, 13151 N. Dale Mabry Hwy. in Tampa.

Its game-day party will run 10:30 a.m.12:30 p.m. in a Tampa Stadium parking
lot. Catering is being coordinated by the
Buccaneers, featuring Klement's brats,
beer and soda. Live music is planned, as is
a celebrity autograph area. Each attendee
will receive a Packer collectable gift and
drawings will be staged for Packer merchandise

Admission paid in advance will be \$9 for America's Pack members and *Packer Report* subscribers, \$10 for others. Gameday admission will be \$12.

America's Pack can also help its members purchase game tickets, which generally come out of the Packers' allotment, pretty much assuring fans of sitting near other Packer fans.

Fans may also purchase a complete package from Sports Passion, the official tour company of America's Pack. That package can include airfare from any airport with passenger service, hotel accommodations, game tickets, game transfers and the America's Pack party.

To reach the fan club, phone (414) 733-4465; fax (414) 733-1545; or write: P.O. Box 10662, Green Bay, 54307-0662. Sports Passion information is available at (800) 851-PACK (7225).

The 1992 America's Pack party netted \$8,000 for Big Brothers/Big Sisters in Tampa and that affiliation continues; profits from the admission charges will again go to that charity.

The Tampa Bay Packer Backers will also kick off their festivities Saturday night. They are planning a polka party, 8:30-11:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Airport, 4500 W. Cypress in Tampa. The \$10 admission fee includes snacks, veggies, draft beer and live polka music. There will be a cash bar serving bottled beer and cocktails.

The polka party will be limited to 800 people and is open only to fans who also sign up for the group's Sunday's tailgate party. The club has also reserved a block of rooms at the Holiday Inn for \$62/night.

The Sunday tailgate party, 10 a.m.-1 p.m, will be at the group's traditional location: Tampa Stadium's parking lot I at the southwest corner of Tampa Bay Blvd. and Dale Mabry Hwy. It will feature Wisconsin brats, soda, beer and polka music by the Gordon Hartmann Band of Madison, Wis. Former Packer Boyd Dowler is scheduled to appear.

To attend the Tampa Bay Packer Backers party, fans must be members of that group, which costs \$9 and includes a Packer Backer Towel. Memberships are sold by advance purchase only; no gameday admission purchases are offered.

Memberships are available by sending a check to: Tampa Bay Packer Backers; 30617 U.S. Hwy. 19 N. #401; Palm Harbor FL 34684. More information is available by phoning Goodwin, (813) 887-6361 or Bob Clancy, (813) 799-4015.

The Tampa Bay Packer Backers have also reserved a block of \$25 game tickets, which they will sell in advance to those who attend their Sunday tailgate party.

Colts sign Majkowski

Don Majkowski may play in Lambeau Field before the month is out.

The former Packer signed with Indianapolis July 20 and could be in uniform Aug. 27 when the Colts play here.

He signed a one-year, split contract laced with incentives. There is no signing bonus. He receives a base salary of \$700,000 if he remains healthy and \$350,000 if he gets injured.

"You've got to prove yourself all over again, almost like a rookie all over again," said Majkowski, who once described himself as "clueless" as a rookie. "You're used to being an experienced veteran, knowing absolutely everything that's going on on the field.

"All I'm going to do is work as hard as I can and try to contribute any away I can. I'm so far behind mentally. It's going to be a little difficult as far as learning the new system is concerned. I've never come into a situation where I've come in cold like this. I had no off-season preparation at

all...I'm probably going to be lost out there for weeks."

The 29-year-old said he is nowhere near ready to challenge for the starting spot, which would likely go to Jack Trudeau in the absence of no-show incumbent Jeff George. Majkowski pointed out today's NFL teams need at least two quarterbacks and noted the 49ers needed three to get through 1991.

Majkowski has been hit with serious injuries three seasons in a row, but based on a July 17 workout, Colt Coach Ted Marchibroda said he saw no effects of the career-threatening rotator-cuff injury Majkowski suffered in 1990.

"We knew he had the injury," Marchibroda said, "But you couldn't tell it. He was impressive ... he threw the ball extremely well."

Said Majkowski, who still ices the shoulder after every practice, "My shoulder feels great. My strength is very good. It's the best it's felt since my first operation in 1990."

Majkowski's contract with the Packers, ended at the end of last season and they chose not to offer another. He tore ligaments in his ankle in the third game last year and eventually lost his starting job to Brett Favre.

"I'm happy for him," Packer Coach Mike Holmgren said. "In my last conversation with Don, I told him I wanted him here. But I also knew what he wanted. Anybody that wanted to ask me about Don Majkowski got a positive recommendation. I wish him well because he's a class act."

Majkowski also had a tryout with the Los Angeles Raiders before the Colts.

Ray Scott retuns

Long-time Packer fans will remember Ray Scott, who was the TV voice of the team during much of the 1960s.

He's back.

Scott is doing work for WNFL-AM in Green Bay and also for Oshkosh-based WPKR-FM.

He teams with WNFL Sports Director Bill Scott for a live sports call-in show Monday through Friday, 6-7 p.m., originating from The 50 Yard Line Sports Bar, which is about two Brett Favre passes west of Lambeau Field. The show is devoted exclusively to the Packers and includes a player guest on Mondays

For WPKR, both Scotts are part of the one-hour show they will produce prior to each game. Their show is fed to play-by-play flagship WTMJ-AM in Milwaukee and uplinked to the Packer Radio Network stations as part of the game package.

Packers will add boxes

Within the next two or three years, the Packers will add an additional 85 private boxes to the 104 that line both sides of Lambeau Field.

Plans are for the boxes, along with a 125-seat dining room and auxiliary press box, to be build on the north end. All of which would be built around the new \$1.7 million color replay board.

Between 95 and 100 names are on the Packers' waiting list for boxes.



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(Free-lancer's note: The list is complete for now and all I can say is this only confirms my belief of who is really America's Team. I appreciate tremendously all the help from everyone who responded. We suggest you contact these locations prior to driving a long distance - although I have tried to be as accurate as possible, mistakes do happen, so confirm this information. Have a great time watching the Packers. And when spending your hardearned money at one of these locations, let the owner know you found it in Packer Report. Chris Armold)

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Kostelnik will be missed

Dear Mr. Nitschke,

I have just today found out that Ron Kostelnik died.

I want to express my deepest regrets for his family and all of his old teammates. I have been an old unrepentant, die-hard Packer fan since 1964, and I will always live and die for the best professional football team of all time. I am just sorry that more people could not know or read about players like Mr. Kostelnik. He typified the type of player that could play without fanfare with a similar group of his comrades who dedicated themselves to playing to their best ability for themselves, their coach, and for the love of his fellow players. This is, I think, one of the biggest reasons the Packers were, and still are the best football team of then, now, or any future generations.

Again, my sympathies for Ron's family and for you, and all the men who played together as one team. His and your efforts will never be forgotten by this fan!

Always Green & Gold Steve Clore Anderson, IN million a year. Getting top dollar is 'an obligation he had to himself. If he didn't look after himself, who would? The big bucks he is paid are not his fault, but due to the wisdom of top management of the Packers (wisdom yet to be understood by some fans).

But the big paychecks carry with them an added responsibility. And that is to the fans that boo you that you hold in contempt. The big bucks you are paid give the Salisbury in the highlights I saw had way too much time.

Oh yeah we also have to re-sign Johnny Holland who in my mind is a Pro Bowler and Chuck Cecil who is.

I think Mike Holmgren has to be really congratulated for the reintegrating of the running game back into the offense. But the offensive line, I doff my hat to these guys. A much maligned group who I even said were pathetic. These guys especially

gr.

This Packer fan took a quick nap during the Induction Ceremonies Saturday morning in order to be fully rested for the Packers-Raiders game.

— David J. Garot photo

Say, Terrell...

Gentlemen:

This letter is prompted by the article by Mr. Remmel "The world according to Buckley."

Mr. Buckley has been quoted in the past "As long as you are giving 100%, if you are messing up, you should take a little criticism — but it shouldn't be as much."

He was also quoted as saying in response to a question after his performance in the Rams game whether the fans might now be on his side, "to be honest, I really don't care."

When I was his age, I probably would have said something like that too. But no one would have cared enough about it to have written it in a newspaper. Thank God, it would have made me appear stupid also.

But even at Mr. Buckley's tender age you would think that he would understand that the fans are not some third-party things that have no vested interest in the Packers, or for that matter the NFL. I wonder where he thinks the NFL, the Packers or Mr. Buckley would be without the fans?

I am convinced that Mr. Buckley has an abundance of football talent. The only problem is that he has yet to demonstrate this even by his standards. I think he is giving 100%. But so far that has not been good enough.

It's not his fault he is paid more than \$1

fans the right to have high expectations of your performance level. There's always next year.

I suspect you deeply feel you are not respected by the fans. And this perception is probably correct. You'll get it when you earn it

The last thing I perceive Mr. Buckley wants is advice. He claims to be undaunted by his lack of popularity. I just hate to see a young man so chastised. So I'm going to give him some advice, unsolicited. I suggest that he work on developing an added feature of his character; HUMILITY!!

Very truly yours, Jack W. Fleshman Roanoke, VA

Upgrade pass rush

Dear Al and Packer Backers everywhere!

I have to say that it appears that the Mike Holmgren and Ron Wolf era has started with a 9-7 bang. But I am now a little hesitant about getting excited! I remember Lindy Infante's second season which was 10-6 in 1989, only to come back to reality in 1990 to 6-10. I have guarded optimism for 1993.

I have to say though for the Packers to stay competitive and to contend we have to upgrade the pass rush. Some way, some how through free agency in the draft we have to be able to upgrade that area. It has to be Mr. Wolf's #1 priority. Sean Ken Ruettgers and Ron Hallstrom should stand up and take a bow!

As for Ron Wolf's ability to assess talent he was right on when he risked a first rounder for an unproven talent named Favre. This kid is the real deal! He got better with each game. He now has "the swagger" it takes to be a leader.

"Majik's" career as a Packer is over. Thanks, for the memories Don! I honestly believe the next Montana wears #4 in Titletown. I'm glad Al you liked my banner in Cleveland acknowledging Packer Report. We travelled four hours and had a great time despite the weather and Packer loss. "Thank goodness for Packer Report. It is my Green 'n Gold lifeline. So the Packers should hold their head high today and the nucleus is relatively young and the future looks bright and in great hands with Ron Wolf, Mike Holmgren, Ray Rhodes and Sherm Lewis. So in closing Al, Ray, Joe and Art continue your all world coverage of North America's team, the Packers. So from Canada's #1 Packer Backer.

Roses are Red Violets are Blue Pack wins Central in '93 Ditka is thru

"Gumby" Manemuck
Port Colborne, Ontario, Canada
P.S. How bout those Blue Jays! Sorry
bout Molitor.

What's Sharpe's status?

Dear Packer Report,

Wow! Free agency brings us White, Maas, Clayton, Galbreath, Ilkin and Prior. No one can say Mr. Wolf is sitting on his hands. He's bringing in the talent, let's see if Coach Holmgren can bring us the title. Free agency is making the off-season fun, it's keeping football in the news all year long.

With all the talk of restricted free agents what is the status of Sterling Sharpe? Did he or didn't he sign that 10-year contract last year? With all the big contracts being signed it would be nice to know Sharpe is locked up till 2003.

If Mr. Wolf has one more move to make wouldn't this be great: Word out of Buffalo is with the Brooks signing, Lofton's days are numbered in Buffalo. Wouldn't it be nice having Lofton clean out the D-backs deep for Sharpe? Don't put anything past Mr. Wolf.

Kevin Kintzler Richfield, MN

Sharpe is, in fact, under a long-term contract but neither side has publicly revealed its length. Don't hold your breath on Lofton.

— Ed.

Need better cornerbacks

Dear Packer Report:

I disagree with the supposed immediate needs for the Pack which were listed in the Central Issues column of the Jan. 2 issue, 1993.

The Packers certainly do need better pass rushing on defense, but to have it they need better cornerbacks.

On offense, they have a fine selection of running backs but they need good wide receivers besides Sharpe, otherwise they can't use the pass to set-up the run, and can't really use the run to set-up the pass. How often has any wide-receiver other than Sharpe gotten the ball? From what I recall, the main receivers have been 1) Sharpe, 2) Jackie Harris, 3) the running backs. That doesn't make for a natural passing game, besides Sharpe is such a commodity that the Pack needs some good receivers to draw coverage off him (even he will have trouble keeping healthy if something isn't done about the coverage).

Besides better playing (or players) in those areas, there are a few things I'd like to see. I'd still like to see the Packers: 1) run more on third down — there've been times when it's been wide-open, 2) get more interceptions, 3) block a few field goals, 4) block (tackles) solidly on special teams, 5) sign Jacke to a five-year contract (I wish), 6) go to the playoffs next year — a definite possibility.

One more thing, I doubt any opposing ball carriers and receivers will be eligible for any sort of National Health Care so long as Chuck Cecil is on the field. The man is ferocious.

Sweet dreams of green and gold 'til September.

Yours truly, Greg Yasko Winona, MN

Diary

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The second-year head coach says it remains the team's plan to start the rookie this season. "Our plan was we were going to do everything we could to get him ready to start at that position," Holmgren says. "Now we'll push that back a little bit but I would like to see him in that position before too long."

George Koonce started at left outside linebacker a lot last year. He is starting at right inside 'backer, in place of Holland.

"For the time being, he (Koonce) will stay put," Holmgren says. "He played outside 'backer for us last year and did a nice job. But we can't do anything until we know a little more about Johnny Holland. At linebacker, we're juggling."

In Simmons' absence, the Packers will start third-year man Jeff Brady. The backup to Brady is second-year free agent Terry Crews, who signed here Feb. 8.

"Jeff and Terry will man that position until we get a little more definitive timetables for Wayne and Johnny," says Holmgren, who could also move fourth-year man Paup into the breech. Paup made six of his 10 starts last season at left outside linebacker, including the first four consecutively. But he can't move to left outside until Bennett signs.

One of the team's most versatile play-

ers, Paup played three of the four line-backer positions at various times last season. "Each game he prepared to play three different positions for us — our 'Buck' linebacker (left outside), our 'Mike' linebacker (left inside) and our 'Elephant' linebacker (right outside)," Linebackers Coach Bob Valesente said. "His pass-rush ability is a great strength."

Thursday, July 29

Simmons and reserve nose tackle David Grant have arthroscopic surgery. Each had torn cartilage in one knee. Both are expected to be out four to six weeks.

Reserve defensive end Alfred Oglesby is also expected to miss four to six. He has knee-ligament damage, but presently, medical opinion is it won't need surgery.

The team finishes its morning practice with 11-on-11 work on the two-minute drill, incorporating the 40-second clock between plays.

When the first units meet, Favre moves the team smoothly, but throws an interception to safety Butler inside the 10 yardline.

When the second units go head-tohead, quarterback Ken O'Brien directs the offense to the 15 yardline, before an offsides penalty occurs. The offense is unable to overcome that and on fourthand-15 from the 20, his completion to fullback Dexter McNabb falls short of the yardage needed to get a first down.

Holmgren's current plan is to start Favre in Saturday's pre-season opener against the Los Angeles Raiders in Canton, Ohio. He will play approximately one quarter, with O'Brien working the second quarter and into the third.

The staff would also like to get youngsters Ty Detmer and Mark Brunell some snaps under center.

Friday

A light practice takes place this morning, before the team flies to Canton to play the Raiders Saturday.

The game occurs in Canton because the Pro Football Hail of Fame there has its annual induction ceremonies Saturday morning. One of the enshrinees will be former San Francisco head coach Bill Walsh, who moved Holmgren from the college coaching ranks to the NFL when he hired him off the Brigham Young staff to be 49ers' quarterbacks coach in 1986.

"It's great for me to be able to be there when Coach Walsh goes in," Holmgren says. "I owe him a great deal. I hope I get a chance to see him, congratulate him there and maybe take part in a couple things, if possible."

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